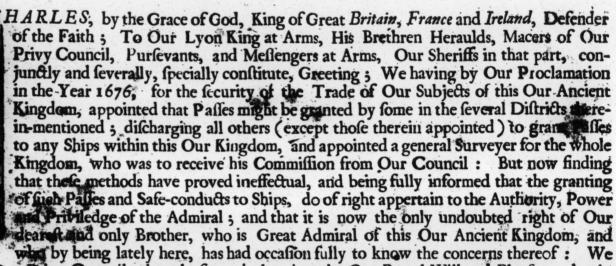


## A PROCLAMATION

Appointing all Passes to Ships to be granted hereafter by the High-Admiral, ... bis Deputes, Judges and Officers.



have therefore, with advice of Our Privy Council, thought fit to declare it to be Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that in all time coming, all Passes to Ships within this Our Ancient Kingdom shall be granted by the High Admiral of the same, his Deputes and Judges of the High-Court of Admiralty, and written, and sealed by the Clerks of the said Court, as formerly they were in use to be; Hereby evacuating all former Passes, granted by any Person whatsoever, and declaring them void and rull in all time coming. And to the end that this Our Royal Will and Pleasure may be known and obeyed, We do hereby Require and Command all Our Subjects within this Our Ancient Kingdom, to take Passes for their Ships when they go to Sea, from the said High Admiral, his Deputes and Judges of the said High-Court of Admiralty, and from none else as they will be answerable to Us upon their highest peril. Having left it entirely to the care of Our dearest Brother, High Admiral of this Our Ancient Kingdom, (who knows all the several Treaties concluded betwirt Us and Our Allies;) to give such Directions from time to time to his Deputes and Officers of the Admira ty, as may be effectual for the securing the Trade of Our Subjects, and for preventing all Abuses and Inconveniencies that may occur any time hereafter. O UR Will is herefore, and Wecharge you strictly and Command, that incontinent, these Our Letters seen, ye pass to the Mercat-cross of Edinburgh, Peer and Shore of Leith, and to the several Mercat-cross of the Head-Burghs of this Kingdom, and other places needful; and there by open Proclamation, make publication of Our Royal Pleasure in the Premises, that all Our Subjects may have notice thereof, and give obedience thereto, as they will be answerable on their highest peril. And We ordain Copies hereof to be posted up in every Custom-House, to direct Persons concerned where and from whom Passes to Ships hereafter are to be had. And We ordain these Presents to be printed.

Given under Our Signet, at Edinburgh, the fixth day of May, One thousand fix hundred and eighty Years; And of Our Reign the thirty two Year.

WILL. PATERSON, Cl. Sti. Concilij.

GOD fave the King.